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In separate meetings, CDA and A/POL Chief delivered reftel Afghan election points to MFA U/S Khaled Al-Jarallah and Follow-up and Coordination Director Ambassador Mugames. U/S Jarallah and Ambassador Mugames both expressed the hope that the August 20 elections will proceed peacefully and without fraud and intimidation; they acknowledged the efforts of ISAF to help deliver such a result. They also stressed that democratic development in Afghanistan has broader implications in the region; a successful, clear outcome in the elections would further marginalize Taleban and AQ sympathizers.

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